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Silver remonetization in the Senate and gen eral investigation of the departments in the House have occupied the attention of Congress to day.

THE DUBHAM SMOKING TOBACCO CASE IN THE U. S. CIRCUIT COURT .- Judge Hughes announced, this morning, the decision of the court in the celebrated Durham Smoking To bacco Case. This was a suit brought by Blackwell & Co., manufacturers at Darham North Carolina, of what they call Durham smoking tobacco, against W. E. Diboell & Co., manu facturers of Richmond, brought to erjoin the defendants against the use of the word Durham and the figure of a part of the Durham bull as a symbol of that word on their label for smok ing tobacco.

The decision of the court was in favor of the complainants, and in favor of awarding a per petual injunction against the defendants to prevect soy further use by them of the word or its symbol in their label. The court beld that by Durham smoking tobacco was meant tobacco manufactured at Durham, N. C., from the plant raised in certain contiguous counties in North Carolina and manufactured at Durham; and that any use of a label having that word and its symbol fixed upon smoking tobacco put up at any other place than Durham is a fraud upon the public and should be injoined.

It is understood that Judge Bond and Judge Hughes will each file a written opinion on the subject next Monday, and that Judge Bond takes somewhat stronger ground against the defendants than Judge Hughes.

An old friend and subscriber in Nebraska. writing to renew his subscription to the Gazatte,

Nebraska City, Jan. 4, 1878. Mr. Editor-Dear Sir: The time has arrived for me to renew my subscription to your most valuable paper, but in nearly every issue it brings news of sadness about the departure of some kind friend or relation who has gone to a long home to rest in peace, I hope; parture is near, when I may be called upon to give an account of the deeds done in the flash."

While our friend's reflections may be sad, as he sees the departure, one by one, of his old associates in this part of the country, he need give himself no fear of his ability to render a good account when called hence, if he has been as conscientions in the discharge of his other duties as he has been in reference to his

Mr. Montgomery Blair's resolution, introduc- the corporation of Winchester further time to ed in the Maryland Legislature, directing the Senators and Representatives in Congress from that State to use their utmost endeavors to have the presidential election case reopened, is the subject of general comment in the newspapers in every section of the country, the weight of public opinion, thus expressed, being apparently adverse. The case is a bad one, and the best thing to do with it is to let it alone. Mr. Hayes has been inaugurated, un justly, we all know, but still legally, and no power but that of a revolution can prevent him from serving out his term, unless he shall hereafter render bimself amenable to the penalties of successful impeachment.

Mr. Barbour introduced a bill in the House of Delegates yesterday levying a tax of twentyfive cents on the \$100 of assessed value of real houses and slaughter pens; by Mr. Hunter, a and personal property for the expenses of the bill to amend the act in relation to commission-State government, ten cents for public schools, and fifteen cents for the payment of interest on a petition of the citizens of Spotsylvania, Orange the public debt, to be collected only in lawful and Louisa for the repeal of the law making money. The tax payers find it hard enough to be compelled to pay fifty cents in coupons, but if they have to pay fifty cents in money, and that, too, probably in addition to what they now pay, and certainly with the addition of the against the person; a resolution as to the expeheavy expense attending a decision of the legal diency of authorizing counties to tax railroads questions that will necessarily arise from the passage of this bill, they will think readjustment costs more than it comes to.

It is to be hoped that the armistice now agreed upon between Russia and Turkey may be prolonged until terms of peace can be arranged. The Turks have shown that they have lost none of their hereditary fighting qualities, and that the reverses they have sustained resulted solely from overwhelming odds against which they had to contend. Russia also has fully sustained her claim to be one of the foremost military powers in the world.

The Richmond Whig charges Gov. Holliday with being Janus-faced on the State debt question. He may have as many faces as the dog Cerberus or the serpent Hydra if he chooses, so long as he keeps his weather eye on the honor and credit of Virginia, and that it is well set in that direction now there could be no better evidence than that afforded by his inaugural address.

WORKINGMEN ON PENDLETON .- A dispatch from Columbus, Ohio, says:

Senate, which has been growing in intensity for some days past, was yesterday afternoon in-creased to fever heat by the reception by the different members of the Legislature of a circular issued by the workingmen's organization at Cincinnati, in which Mr. Pendleton is denounced as a bondholder, a banker, and a man who the Committee for Courts, &c. never did a day's work. Their circular further says: It is not long since Pendleton, with the influence of a fast and pretty woman, got \$80. COO from the United States treasury, money belonging to the people, on a fraudulent claim that had been previously rejected three times as unjust and fraudulent. The issuing of this circular is generally regarded as a dishonorable trick on the part of those opposed to Mr. Pendleton, and it is believed will defeat its own subject by strengthening Mr. Pendleton's support. The impression now prevails that he will receive the nomination on the first ballot.

Letter from Richmond. Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette. !

RICHMOND, January 10, 1878. There is a rampast disposition among some of the members of the House to abolish, clean out and obliterate for ever, many, and, indeed, all of the offices of the Commonwealth save that of Governor, perhaps. To clean out the basement of the building and block up the doors of the offices and go back to "my constituents" and tell them "I did it, my friends." By such action they expect to pay the public debt, and then the State will run on without any officers.

The subject of talk in society circles here today is the elopement of Mr. Wm. G. Stokes with Miss Susie Brown, one of the most beautiful young ladies in Richmond. Mr. Stokes is a son of the well known merchant, Mr. A. Y. Stokes, and a member of the firm of A. Y. Stokes & Co. The happy pair left yesterday to be made one in North Carolina. Mr. Stokes s one of the most popular young gentlemen in Richmond, and has the best wishes of all his

caucus last night to go isto the election of State officers (except the two auditors and treasurer) on the 17th does not include the judges. From all the officers will be elected at that time, including the two auditors and treasurer, for the investigation into the basement offices will have been completed at that time. The Second Auditor so far is the only one of the basement officers who has any opposition, he being opposed by Mr. McMullan, a member of the House from Greene, and Mr. Newman, a clerk in the Treasurer's office.

In the Lee caucus, last night, Senator Smith accused Senator Brooke of having no more

backbone than an old saw. The bill introduced in the Senate by Mr. Hairston amending the act in relation to im posing a tax on liqor, &c., will make the duties of commissioners of the revenue rather disagreeable. The amendment makes it the duty of commissioners of the revenue of the cities and towns to visit monthly, and of the same officers in the counties to visit quarterly, just previous to the term of the corporation or county court, the places of business of all licensed retail and bar room liquor dealers, and to take down in a book the number of drinks registered as sold within the last month in the case of cities and towns (the present law,) and within the last quarter in the case of counties. It then requires him to certify the same to the Auditor of Public Accounts and the treasurer of the corporation or county within five days, and to deliver to the court of his corporation or county a copy of said certificate with the further fact; whether or not he found the register in good order, and whether or not, in his opinion. the licensed dealer has complied with the provisions of this act and any other information deemed necessary and proper by him to be known to the court.

Legislative.

In the State Senate, yesterday, bills were introduced to authorize the county of Rappahannock to unite with the counties of Fauquier and Culpeper in constructing a bridge over the Rappahannock, and to amend an act direction Schouvaloff, the Russian Ambassador at Lon the campaigns against Austria in 1848 '49, and pay as an officer of the army after ceasing to be of Canada, Lake Superior, Missouri, &2. the Board of Public Works to sell the State's don, has yet presented the reiterated declara- displayed great personal valor in the battles of interest in the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company.

A resolution was adopted requesting the Commissioner of Agriculture to furnish the General Assembly a statement showing the annual grain products of the different counties of the State for the last ten years as compared with the ten years previous to the war.

The Committee on Retrenchment and Economy was instructed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the mileage of circuit judges to ten cents for each mile actually traveled. A bill was reported to allow the treasurer of

make his returns of delicquent tax list for An adverse report was made upon the reso lution in relation to disposing of the State's

interest in the R., F. & PR. R. The Secate bill in relation to judgment liens was reported with amendments.

The House joint resolution directing the Au. ditor of Public Accounts to collect statistical information, to tabu'ate and keep the same in printed form in his office for public use, without amendment, was favorably reported upon.

The Senate bill providing that the funds collected for public school purposes shall not be used for any other purpose, and that nothing shall hereafter be received in payment of any taxes assessed for public school purposes except coin or currency was then taken up and dis-

cassed until adjournment.

In the House of Delegates the following were introduced : - A bill in relation to slaughter ers of the revenue and the assessment of taxes; the North Anna river a lawful fence; a resolution reducing the pay of county officers; a bill to amend the game law; a bill to amend the road law; a bill to repeal sec. 16, chap. 187, code in relation to homicides and other offences where such counties have assisted in the construction of such railroads through said counties; a resolution excluding from taxation private property used for public school purposes, and a resolution in regard to amendments to

The bill to amend the act for the protection of sheep in the county of Fauquier was passed. The House engrossed a bill to amend the game law so as to allow owners and tenants of land to capture birds with nets and traps came up and was finally passed—yeas 64, pays 57.

Mr. Bocock presented to the House a peti-

tion of Raleigh T. Daniel and others, children of Raleigh T. Daniel, sr., deceased, and late Attorney General of the State, asking compensation for services rendered in 1875 by their father, as counsel for the State in the case of Robert A. Phillips vs. Charles N. Payne, which involved the validity of the retrocession of the city and county of Alexandria by the United States to the State of Virginia, which services the said counsel rendered with complete success to the State in the Supreme Court of the U.S. whereby the State received a valuable city and county to her domain, with large revenues to be derived therefrom from taxation forever, and also compensation for services rendered as counsel for the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1877, in the four cases styled James W. Mc-Cready vs. the Commonwealth of Virginia, The excitement over the coming election, by which involved a grave constitutional question the Legislature, of a representative to the U. S. | and the right of eminent domain of the State over her water highways and oyster fisheries, which cases he contested with success from the United States District Court in Richmond to to the final issue in the Supreme Court of the

> The New Hampshire republicans tried to indorse both Hayes and Chandler, and, as is always the case with attempts to carry water on both shoulders, failed, for though inside of their State convention all seemed smooth, the proceedings outside indicate that the "stalwarts" are only biding their time.

The Meffett register, as will be seen from the dall vs. Stockton. Order entered in the four

The Eastern War.

A Vienna correspondent telegrapts as fellows: "The deposition of Suleiman Pasha from the supreme command of the army in Roumelia and the appointment in his stead of Reef Pasha, the faithful tollower of Mahmoud Damad, was in itself a sign that the Sultan's brother in law (Mahmoud Damad) has again prevailed, and the news to day confirms it. All remains as before. Neither the resignation of Mahmoud Pamad nor of Edhem Pasha, Grand Vizier, has been accepted. The desire of the Chamber of Deputies that the war council a military commander, with full power, is to be Minister of War, presided over the council, closed. and as he is in the hands of Mahmoud Damad, the state of things is not materially changed. The only question now is how far the Chamber will be satisfied with this arrangement,"

A Russian official telegram states that a Russian detachment, which had crossed the Balkans by byways, occupied on Tuesday a po-The resolution adopted by the Quisenberry in the Trojan Pass. The Turks, being also attacked in front, abandoned their positions. what Mr. Barbour has said it is probable that The Russian loss in these operations was unimportant.

A St. Petersburg dispatch says: "The holowness of the Turkish resistance in the Trojan Pass is regarded here as a sign that the Turkish losses are irretrievable. It is pointed out that the Russian losses, although great, are considerably less than half a single nominal year's contingent recruits.'

Mr. Layard, British Ambassador at Constantinople, has requested the immediate dispatch of a British man of-war to Crete, and the Admiral commanding the Mediterranean fleet will order the permanent stationing of one

Telegrams from Crete state that hostilities between the insurgents and Turks commenced on Tuesday.

A Bucharest correspondent telegraphs as follows: "A thaw has commenced, which, if it continues, will cause the movement of ice in which were for the happiness of his people. the Danube to recommence, and make communication more difficult than ever. It is utterly impossible now for horses and wagons to cross. and the Russian intendance department is helpless. Words cannot describe the situation worthy of him, I by following in his footsteps to inquire into the industrial needs of the on the Danube. The Russians suppress telegrams, with the view of preventing the state of affairs becoming known to Europe. A terrible difficult task of rendering Italy great and united. outbreak of spotted typhus has occurred in Frateshti and neighborhood. It originated among the Turkish prisoners, and it is whis- faith in liberal institutions, which are the pride pered that it is really the plague."

A Vienna correspondent says he has trustworthy information that the force which crossed the Balkans under Gourko comprises fifty five you that institutions do not die. Let us unite thousand infantry. The fact that Russia has in this hour of great sorrow; let us strengthen reiterated ber declaration that an armistice is that concord which has always been the salva to be settled by the commanders of the forces tion of Italy. in the field and not by plenipotentiaries, shows that Russia has not acquiesced in the compromised proposed by England that the powers of settled by special plenipotentiaries. It is not tion to Lord Derby.

A Constantinople special says Mebemet Ali has started for Roumelia, commissioned to conclude an armistice if he judges a continuation of the war impossible.

LONDON, Jan. 10 .- The London correspondent of the Manchester Guardian telegraphs to that journal that he believes a six weeks' armistice has been already agreed upon on the basis of uti possidetis. A dispatch from Constantinople to Renter's Telegram Company mentions that a similar report is current there, and that military operations are ordered to be suspended from 10 o'clock Tuesday night, but Reuter's agent points out that these rumors are necessarily premature, since the military representatives of the belligerents to conduct negotiations had not then been appointed. Mehmet Ali (who, it was stated, had gone to arrange an armistice,) attended the War Council on Tuesday, and left Constantinople Tues-

day night. ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 10.-The Grand Dake Nicholas has telegraphed the following advanced the kingdom of Sardinia to a position am happy to congratulate your Majesty upon a brilliant victory gained this day. Gen. Radctsky has, after desperate fighting, captured | treaty of Villa Franca and the peace of Zurich.in Pass, consisting of forty-one battalions, ten batteries, and one regiment of cavalry. Prince leff holds Shipka.'

BENT ON SUICIDE. - A dispatch from Richmond, Ind., dated yesterday, says:

"Thomas Hunter, who lives in Indianapolis, Ind., and travels for a Boston boot and shoe house, was discovered in his room in the Gither's House, about 10 o'clock yesterday morning, in a semi-conscious state. He was covered with blood and presented a terrible appearance. He had attempted to take his ife, but had failed. He drew his knife across his throat some twenty times, and stabbed himself, it is thought, in the region of his heart, inflicting an ugly wound two inches deep. He also stabbed himself in the abdomen, and in the latter wound he twisted and worked the knife back and forth in the vain endeavor to reach a vital part. Failing in this, he then tried his fingers, pulling and gouging away at the wound with both hands, and succeeded in colarging the wound. Dr. Taylor, who was called in, says Hunter will recover unless bemorrhage sets in, in which case he will probably die. L. Dow McLain, of Indianapolis, arrived here this evening to look after Mr. Hunter, who is his brother in law. An acquaintance of Hunter here states his wife lives in Baltimore. and that he married here at Greencastle, in this State, and although he might give many theories, he knows of no cause for the act. Hunter refuses to say why he did it.

publicans of New Hampshire met in convention | verdict is favorable. In Central Mississippi, yesterday at Concord, and nominated Benjamin leans and Cairo road, the people are peaceful in F. Prescott for Governor. The resolutions the extreme. They are weary of strife, and adopted reaffirn the Ciccinnati platform, call anxious to see the country improved by immiupon the President to render the professions of gration. They don't want to be governed by the platform setual and living realities; and they are as friendly as could be asked. Southwhile admitting an honest difference in opinion in respect to his past acts, welcome and approve his patriotic and sincere efforts to keep faith with the people and secure to the whole country the blessings of a just, efficient and honest Republican National Administration. Other resolutions condemn the attempt to destroy the Resumption act, and deneunce any legislation tending to repudiation of the public residents are occasionally sarcastic over our debt by making the depreciated silver dollar a railroad roits and Pittsburg burning, and offer debt by making the depreciated silver dollar a legal tender, and calling upon the President to use

notes of Attorney General.

McDonough vs. Commonwealth. Rule to 12th instant to show cause why the case should not be dismissed.

Givens vs. Commonwealth. Submitted on printed briefs. Rosenbaum vs. Jordan; Stone vs. Kidd; Fockheimer ve. National Exchange Bank; Ran-

une Boat 6-488 17-

Death of the King of Italy.

Victor Emmanuel, King of Italy, died at [SPECIAL half past three o'clock yesterday, as stated in the Gezette of that date :-

In the afternoon Sacraments were adminisgreat screpity. The King then summoned Prince Humbert (the heir apparent) and his wife, Priceess Margharita, to his bedside, with whom he conversed a few moments. Afterwards the miliary eruption increased. The King then summoned all those who were in the habit of approaching him. He addressed to every one present a lew words, and a few moshould be done away with is to be fulfilled, and ments after died. The news of his death soon spread through Rome, and caused great emoappointed, but as he is the same man who, as tion among the people. All the shops were

It is stated that the King confessed to Monsigneur J. Marinelli, Sacristan of the Apostolic Palaces, who was sent to him by the Pope. He Pope's domestic prelate. The Austrian Ambassador was present with Prince Humbert, the Princess Margherita, and the State dignitaries sition in the rear of the Turkish fortifications when the King received the communion and extreme unction from his Chaplain, At 200. Towards 2.30 p. m. the oppression under which which were occupied by the Russians, whose the King labored increased, and he was caused vanguard advanced in the direction of Teke. to inhale exygen, which seemed to give him a little strength. He saluted those present, bending his head twice, then sighing deeply, ex-

The diplomatists being informed of the death of the King and Prince Humbert's accession, proceeded to the Quirinal immediately to condole. The newspapers appear in black, and re mind their readers that Victor Emmanuel's life was dedicated to the greatness and happiness broker's boards, opposing the silver bill, were can furnish me will aid me to that extent in

Prince Humbert was proclaimed King of Italy. He confirmed the present Ministers in

their posts. King Humbert I, has issued the following

proclamation:-Italians-The greatest misfortune has suddenly befallen us. Victor Emmanuel, the founder of the kingdom of Italy and its unity, has been taken from us. I received his last up he would move a substitute embodying the date of June 28th, as follows: sigh, which was for the nation; his last wishes, His voice, which will always resound in my heart, bids me vacquish sorrow and indicates my duty at this moment. There is only one consolation possible, namely, to show ourselves and you by remaining devoted to those civis country. virtues by the aid of which he accomplished the I shall be mindful of his grand example of de votion to his country, his love of progress and of my house. My sole ambition will be to deserve the love of my people. Italians, your first King is dead. His successor will prove to

Victor Emmanuel II., King of Sardinia from 1849, and King of United Italy from 1861, was born at Turin, March 19, 1820, the eldest son the commanders should be limited to military of Charles Albert. He received an excellent details, while the main stipulations should be scientific and military education, and married April 12, 1842, the Archduchess Adelheid, of octo and Novara. On the very evening of the last battle Charles Albert abdicated and of the U. S. Navy. Victor Emmanuel ascended the throne under very critical circumstances. Peace had to be purchased of Austria with great pecuniary sacrifices, and the interior of the State was divided | tion reciting that thousands of women in the by many contending political factions. The young King was by no means popular, and as | and a number of the leading woman were now the husband of an Austrian Princess, and a present in the city, and were anxious to be box an inspection as requested and report to Jesuit, he had to earn the confidence of his heard before the Senate, therefore that they

at the national unity of Italy. Supported by his celebrated Minister Cavour, he succeeded in rastoring the finances to order, reorganized the army, concluded commercial treaties with foreign powers, limited the privileges of the clergy, secularized the church property and established a new system of education independent of the control of the Church. For this he was excommunicated by the Pope. He gave an asylum to all the political refugees from other Italian States. Taking part in the Crimcan War, he to the Emperor from Lovitcha, January 9: "I among the political powers of Europe, and, and Mr. Beck, of Ky., addressed the Senate finally, in 1859 he was able to renex the contest at length. with Austria by the aid of France. By the the whole Turkish army defending the Shipka | the same year, Lombardy was added to his possessions. For the aid of France he parted with Savoy and Nice, but at the same time Mirsky has occupied Kezanlik. Gen. Skobe. Parma, Modena, Tuscany and parts of the Papal States annexed themselves to Sardinia, and soon after the Garibaldi campaign in Sicily and Naples produced the same result with respect to the whole southern part of Italy. On March 17. 1861, Victor Emmanuel assumed the title of King of Italy, and in 1865 the royal residence was removed from Turin to Florence. Venetia and Rome were still wanting to complete the national union. As France was not likely to further support the Italian movement, Victor the peace of Vienna in October, 1866, Austria ceded Venetia. During the Franco-German war the French withdrew the garrison so long preserving Rome to the temporal dominions of the Pope, the Romans by a popular vote joined Italy, and on July 2, 1871, Victor Emmanuel entered Rome and took up his residence at the Quirinal Palace. By his first wife, who died January 20, 1855, he has two sons-Humbert, the Crown Prince, and Amadeus, for a time King of Spain; and two daughters-Clotilde, married to Prince Napoleon, and Pia. married to the King of Portugal. Victor Emmanuel has of late years lost much of his popularity, one of his acts being a morganatic marriage with Rosa Vercellana, Countess of Montepore.

MISSISSIPPI -There are sections of Mississippi I would not advise a man to go to. Amite county is one, Kemper and Lauderdale and the adjacent portions of Alabama constitute one of worst sections of the South. There are still a few back spots where the people are rebellious NEW HAMPSHIRE REPUBLICANS. - The re- and unsettled. But with these exceptions my espectally in the counties along the New Or negroes, and small blame to them for that. But ern society differs from Northern chiefly in this: The men are more free, the women much more reserved. Perhaps the latter feature is because of the former. This seems to be a characteristic of Southern races the world over-as in France, Spain and Italy. As to law and order, the North born settlers tell me there is nothing to complain of. The record shows there is no more crime than in an equal population North. The to send troops to preserve the peace, and the comparative records of Ohio and Mississippi United States. The petition was referred to honor from legislation that threatens to blast it. for the past year are cited here with a good deal of pride, but I guess we can stand that. done with for good and all in this State, and that political divisions were opening on new issues. This breaks the color line, which all must ad mit to be a gain, and old settlers, new comers, black and white, split their tickets cheerfully.—
Cor. Cin. Gazette.

The Legislature of Iowa which meets on Monday next, will probably re-elect United States Senator Allison. There is no other can-

From Washington.

TO THE ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE. WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 10.

If there is anything in augury, the reassembling of Cengress is under dark auspices-over tered to him and he received the priest with head and under foot disagreeable and porten-

The Hall of the House has been improved by the erection of a handsome railing just be tind the outer row of seats -a great benefit to members. A most beautiful pyramid of flowers adorned the Speaker's desk to-day.

la order to ascertain whether there was a quorum of the House, at the opening. the roll was called-Walker and Pridemore, of the Virginia delegation are absent. Two hundred and five members answered to their names.

There was the usual handshaking and congratulations among the members of the House, and much apparent delight manifested at the was also visited by Monsigneur Cenni, the re union-with hopes expressed of many happy returns-which, alas! for some, will be a sad disappointment.

SENATE.

The Senate met at noon, the galleries being very well filled, the Woman's Rights delegates occupying, en masse, the ladies' gallery. Sepator Withers was in his seat. Sepator Johnson was absent.

were received and appropriately referred. A number of petitions in favor of a constitutional amendment, restricting States from imposing restrictions on the right of suffrage on

After the usual opening, several House bills

account of sex were presented. A number of memorials from the Board of Trade of Boston and other commercial and read and referred.

Also a large number of memorials favoring

as free as gold is now coined. Mr. Eaton, of Conn., presented a memorial grains and making the same a legal tender to he would be able to perfectly understand the the amount of twenty dollars-referred.

plan proposed in the petition.

He gave notice that when the silver bill came

Memorials in favor of a national commission to examine the results of the liquor traffic were also presented. Mr. Edmunds presented a number of memo

rials from New England, asking a commission Mr. Withers presented the memorial of

asking that they be allowed to exercise the throughout our Azic formations extendiaight of suffrage. Referred. Mr. Thurman presented memorials for the evision of the pension laws.

Mr. Sargeant, of Cal., introduced a bill to relieve certain legal disabilities of women. Also a bill to restrict the immigration of foreigners from Asia.

Also a bill for the sale of timber on the pub ic lands in the State of Colorado. Also a bill proposing a 16th amendment in favor of woman suffrage.

Mr. Withers, of Va., introduced a bill for the relief of Mrs. Maria E. Wolf, widow of Thos. Wolf, deceased. A joint resolution was also introduced for

known in St. Petersburg whether Count | Austria. He commanded the Savoy brigade in | inquiry into whether Gen. Runkle had received | India, &c., and also very similar to the or. an officer; also, into the dismissal and restoration of Dr. L. J. Draper, to the medical staff | July 21, in these words :

The resolutions were referred to the Judici-

Mr. Sargeant, of Cal., introduced a resolucountry were anxious for the right of suffrage, be heard before the Senate, not to extend be-From the very first day of his reign be aimed | vond one session. Mr. Edmunds objected to the present con-

sideration, and called for the regular order. Mr. S. explained that he favored women suffrage, and hoped that the hearing asked for would be granted at an evening session. If the Senate intended to refuse the hearing it

would be better to do so at once. Mr. Edmunds said the Senate rules required | in the public mind." all communications to be in writing.

The subject went over under objection. The resolution declaring the U.S. bonds payable in either silver or gold, was taken up,

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

In the House Mr. Kelley, of Pa., offered a resolution to have a session of the House on Saturday for the purpose of hearing a deputation of women in advocacy of woman's sut-

Mr. Crittendon, of Mo., objected to the introduction of the resolution, and it went over. Mr. Wood's resolution for a general investigation into the several departments of the government being in order,

Mr. Hale and other radicals appealed for time to debate amendments.

Mr. Conger in the course of his remarks said ironically that there had been too much conciliation on the part of the democratic side of the Emmanuel found a new ally in Prussia, and by House; that his side and the country expected a denunciation of the radical party from the leader of the House on the democratic side, and he hoped said denunciation would come

A bill to prevent the employment of Chinese laborers on public works, &2., was introduced

and referred. A bill to prevent poligamy was also referred. A number of bills of rather a local character were also introduced and referred, after which The House went into committee of the whole on Mr. Wood's investigating resolutions.

Mr. Burchard, of Ill., offered an amendment authorizing the committees "to ask permission of the House" to send for persons and papers, the effect of which would be to practically neg-

ative the resolutions. Mr. Wood then addressed the committee in favor of the investigation. Mr. Hale, of Me., offered a substitute re-

quiring specific charges to be made by members of the House against any officer charged with offenses. Mr. Hale then addressed the committee in favor of his substitute.

Mr. Wood effectually replied to Mr. Hale .-

Mr. Clymer, of Belknap fame, pathetically favored the investigation from his past ex-Mr. Cox, of Ohio, was for the fullest invesigation, and if there was a failure then upon

the majority of the House let the responsibility for the unnecessary expense, trouble, &c., rest. Mr. Garfield, of Ohio, opposed the original resolutions favoring Hale's substitute. Mr. Bank's, the voice of Mass., discussed the

conststutionality of the resolutions-opposing them because Gen. Jackson had once very decidedly put his foot down upon such proceed-Mr. Backner, of Mc., vehemently favored

the investigation. Mr. Tucker, of Va., advocated the investiga-

SUPREME COURT OF VIRGINIA.—Whitacre, but rarely rise to the level of great crimes. Life sheriff, vs. Rector, &c. Submitted on printed sheriff are as secure as in most parts of stitution but of common law. Mr. Tucker was and property are as secure as in most parts of stitution but of common law. Mr. Tucker was and property are as secure as in most parts of stitution but of common law. Mr. Tucker was points. the North, and, for aught I can see, the courts run along in pretty good fashion. I have previously stated that the republican party was Mr. Conger, of Mich., replied and gave Mr. Tucker a hit upon his descent from Pocahontas and made a great deal of fun of Clymer's the-atrical presentation of Belkoap.

Mr. Benchard closed the general debate after which there was a five minutes debate upon amendments.

MISCELLANEOUS.

they will pounce upon the floor of the Senate and "talk" to Senators in favor of woman suffrage. During the meeting at the Retiring room of the Senate Mrs. Crocker, who has heretofore spoken out, made a sharp personal attack on some of the delegates, accusing them of being followers of Beecher, and supporting free love and breaking up families.

The House committee has agreed to report in favor of allowing Virginia's claim against the United States for money advanced in 1812.

## The Iron Interests of Virginia. To the editor of the Alexandria Gazette.

In my communication dated January 7, 1878. I referred to my examination of iron ores at the Centennial Exposition, and gave my reasons for attaching so high a standard to the ores of Lodestone Ridge, and to our Blue Ridge iron ore region. I will now give extracts from my correspondence with Prof. W. R. Dean, for the purpose of sustaining my judgement. And in the first place to show the disinterested and generous reasons that actuated that gentle man in making the analysis of those ores. I will give an extract from his letter dated Via

cennes, lod., May 14th: "Taking a very active interest in all matters appertaining to mining and metallurgy, and the technology of iron and steel, I should be pleaed if you would do me the favor to make up a box of specimens of the various eres contained in the deposits of which you write, classified so that I may understand their geological relations, as I would like to test them by analysis myself, and notice them in the "Manufacturer" at some future time. You can send them by freight or express at my charge. As I shall notice the analysis through the columns of the "Manufacturer," all further information you making up a just verdict for all interested."

I forwarded to Prof. Dean a box containing coining a silver dollar of 412 grains upon terms | 54 specimens of the ores and the country rocks of Lidestone Ridge, syenite, greenstone and hornblende, with all the rock; belonging to the in favor of the coinage of a silver dollar of 520 | Laurentian and the Huronian Periods, so that geological relations of the ores and the accompanying rocks. I again wrote to him, under

"I mailed you a letter yesterday containing two specimens of iron ore from our Ladestone Ridge. The specimen of bluish-black, very fine-grained, ore from a natural Lodestone. I am fully impressed is a stratified ore, not a primitive ore. It is an ore formed from the grinding down of the primitive ores of the Laurentian formations. You will notice the fine black magnetic sand enclosed with sample Caroline Buttman and Sally Holly, of Virginia, This sand is similar to the black sand existing from the summit of the Blue Ridge to Tite water, to be noticed in the rats and road dicehes after every rain. The ore is in boulders, is slaty in structure, and seems to have been formed by being deposited in horiz intal strate. or else washed into fissures in the rock form. tion. I believe the mass of the mountain i composed of primitive ores, overlaid by tisyenite rock, and bounded by the greecston and hornblende rocks. Above the syenite w find the mica and talcos; slates, the sandston . &c. Am I correct in my opinion that those fin

grained, very compact ores, are very similar to the ores of Dennamora, and other mines Sweden, of Norway, of the ores of Siberia.

I received an answer from Prof. Dean, dated "Judging from a superficial examination and basing a decision upon actual appearances I should not besitate to affirming that you have as fine a quality of ore for the production of Bessemer iron as I have ever seen brought from the most renowned of our ore producing regions. In a few days I will give the onthe you without delay, and will then, at intervalbetween other duties, make critical assays and report through the 'American Manufacturer. In the mean time should you discover anything touching the character or geology of your ores that you might consider of importance in reaching a correct estimate for publication, you

will please report, as you are aware that the more complete the information, the more surely will its value, as a mineral region, take root I wish to add here a few words respective the presence of tiranic acid and phosphorus the iron cres of Virginia. I will only mention that all the experts who have examined our Virginia iron ores unite in the general state ment of the extent and richnes of our iron ore deposits, but in the past three years it has be come somewhat fashionable for iron masters seeking mineral investments in our Virginia iron ore lands, and also the chemists in their employ, to find fault with our valuable iron ore interests by the assumed discovery of tital c

acid in those ores. It has become somewhat a chronic disease with certain gentlemen to assume that all Virginia ores are commercially worthless, in consequence of the presence of titapio acid: "Mushet and others claim that titanum has

a beneficial effect upon iron, yet the question appears to be one requiring further investi gation.

The New Jersey steel works have been using the ores of the Adirondack Mountains of New York, containing a huge per centage of titanic acid, ever since their organization; in fact those works were the pioneer works of the steel manufacture in the United States, and they commenced with, and have continued to use the titanic iron ores of New York, even up to the present date. Large amounts of titalis iron ores have been mined and shipped from Maryland, to be used as an important adm'x ture with the ores free of this acid, so as to produce a tough and hard iron, specially suit able for fabrication into high grades of steel. The micacems ores, mined near North Garden Station, beyond Charlottesville, have been ship ped westward for mixture at the Buffalo Gap furnace, and those ores contain, I have been creditably informed, over S per cent of titanic acid, yet the admixture is considered to be very desirable and produces a very superior iron. A moderate per cent, of titanic acid is no longer considered objectionable in the production of iron, steel, or even Bessemer steel. Phosphorus is very objectionable for the production of Bessemer steel, although in moderate amounts it is favorable to the production of foundry and a good mill irou.

In a former communication I referred to the importance of selecting the ores from the centre of the vein, or bed, for Bessemer pig, abeing purer, having a less percentage of phophorus. The nearer the surface, and in contrast with the country rock, the presence of phas phorus being generally mere abundant, such ores are more suitable for foundry pig and merchantable or mill iron.

HUGH THOS. DOUGLAS. CATLETTS, VA., Jan. 9, 1878.

## Washington News.

The postal railway service has arranged for the construction of five new cars for that service. or as many more as may be required, each fifty feet long, to be run between Washington and Petersburg. They will probably be built in Richmond. The cars duing duty on this line tween these two points.

The United States Consul General at Mexico reports to the Department of State, under date of December 30, that the Federal Government has authorized the free importation of cereals into the States of Sonora, Sinaloa, Chihuahua and Lower California to the value of \$60,000, owing to the short crops and consequent suffering in

A dispatch from Raleigh, N. C., says late
Chief Justice Pearson was buried there yester
day. There is a conflict betweee Gov. Vance
and the Supreme Court as to whether the Gov.
ernor has a right to appoint a Chief Justice.

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